

ESSB 5955 - H AMD TO TR COMM AMD (H-5153.1/18) **1386**

By Representative Fey

1 On page 3, after line 27 of the striking amendment, insert the
2 following:

3 "Sec. 5. RCW 43.79.520 and 2015 3rd sp.s. c 44 s 423 are each
4 amended to read as follows:

5 (1) The Puget Sound taxpayer accountability account is created
6 in the state treasury. Moneys in the account may be spent only after
7 appropriation. Expenditures from the account may only be used for
8 distribution to counties where a portion of the county is within the
9 boundaries of a regional transit authority that includes a county
10 with a population of one million five hundred thousand or more or,
11 as provided in subsection (3) of this section, to the largest city
12 within the county. Counties or cities may use distributions from the
13 account only for educational services to improve educational
14 outcomes in early learning, K-12, and higher education including,
15 but not limited to, for youths that are low-income, homeless, or in
16 foster care, or other vulnerable populations. Counties or cities
17 receiving distributions under this section must track all
18 expenditures and uses of the funds. To the greatest extent
19 practicable, the expenditures of the counties or cities must follow
20 the requirements of any transportation subarea equity element used
21 by the regional transit authority.

22 (2) Beginning September 1, 2017, and by the last day of
23 September, December, March, and June of each year thereafter, the
24 state treasurer shall distribute moneys deposited in the Puget Sound
25 taxpayer accountability account to counties for which a portion of
26 the county is within the boundaries of a regional transit authority
27 that includes a county with a population of one million five hundred

1 thousand or more or, as provided in subsection (3) of this section,
2 to the largest city within the county. The treasurer must make the
3 distribution to the counties and cities on the relative basis of
4 that transit authority's population that lives within the respective
5 counties.

6 (3) In a county in which the largest city has imposed the tax
7 under RCW 82.14.460, until the county has also imposed the tax under
8 RCW 82.14.460, the expenditures from the account under subsection (1)
9 of this section must be distributed to the city for the purposes of
10 this section. Until the county imposes the tax under RCW 82.14.460,
11 the city must act on behalf of the county with regard to ensuring that
12 the funds are used throughout that portion of the county that is
13 within the boundaries of a regional transit authority."

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15 Renumber the remaining sections consecutively, correct any
16 internal references accordingly, and correct the title.

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EFFECT: Redirects the authority for implementing the purposes
of the Puget Sound Taxpayer Accountability Account from the county
to the largest city in the county, if the city has imposed the local
mental health sales and use tax and the county has not. Requires the
largest city to act on behalf of the county to ensure that the funds
are used throughout that portion of the county that is within the
boundaries of the regional transit authority.

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